



# THE LUDVICEK FLIGHT REPORT

Merry  
Christmas

December 2018

It's a little hard to believe it is Christmas time again since it is currently 85° and humid, and there are ripe papayas on the trees in our front yard. I suppose that will take some getting used to; after all it is only our first year here. Well, regardless... **Merry Christmas from Indonesia!**

We are currently wrapping up 2018 by finishing language school and saying goodbye to our Javanese friends and neighbors. Before we know it we will be starting 2019 by heading to our new home in Papua for the first time, and beginning to learn about a whole different people group and culture there.

This Christmas season has us grateful for lots of things: a happy and chunky new baby, the growing pains we have experienced over the course of this year, good rain gear, bug spray and especially all of you. We cannot say it enough: we are deeply grateful for each of you and your continued support.

The one thing we are asking you all for Christmas (and it's a big ask!) is that you take a few moments to pray for our family. There is a lot of change coming our way in the next several months that will stretch us in a big way. Alex will begin flying again after a long break while Trish and the boys learn the ropes in our new location. Simply put, we can't do it on our own!



Jackson enjoying the neighborhood parade marking the Javanese new year

With love,

*Alex, Trish, Jackson & Benaya*

Mission Statement:

*"Sharing the love of Jesus Christ through aviation and technology  
so that isolated people may be physically and spiritually transformed."*



# News from the field



September 28th was not just another day in Palu on the island of Sulawesi. It was a day of celebration as the city residents gathered to commemorate the city's 30th anniversary. Hundreds of people assembled at the beach where the festival was being held looking forward to a joyful Friday evening with friends and family. Then a strong earthquake hit the city, followed by a major earthquake off the coast felt almost 200 miles away. Although lives were lost and damage was done, life went on as earthquakes are a fairly normal occurrence in the ring of fire. The tsunami alert was lifted and the festival resumed.

Then without warning, an almost 10 foot tall wave swept through the city leaving death and destruction in its wake. Entire districts and villages were consumed by the earth as the soil beneath it gave way. Mudslides and aftershocks continued to obliterate the city.

Over 2,200 people lost their lives, and more than 1,000 people are still missing. Additionally, tens of thousands of homes were destroyed and just as many people were displaced; all of whom desperately needed aid.

MAF was immediately called to action and started the relief effort through our Indonesian entity, Yayasan MAF. With roads destroyed, transporting people, medicine and other aid could have been impossible, but with MAF's Kodiak and a helicopter from Helivida they were able to accomplish just that. Medicine, doctors, food, shelter and much more life saving aid was brought in through the tool of aviation following the tragedy, and that's just what MAF does all over the world every day.



MAF loading medicine and other supplies to deliver to hard to reach places

We would like to thank you for the support you give so that ministry like this can happen. Additionally, your support provides for the needs of MAF employees like us. One of the ways MAF cares for us is through a fund to help with travel expenses not covered under our medical plan, such as our travel to Jakarta for Benaya's delivery. In order to keep the fund replenished for other employees, we would like for you to prayerfully consider contributing to this fund. All contributions should be designated as Essential Non-Medical Fund #4589 in the memo line. Thank you for your generosity to MAF's ministry and staff.

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